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SUBJ: VISIT OF CHILEAN FONMIN TO URUGUAY

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1. SUMMARY: CHILEAN FONMIN CARVAJAL VISITED URUGUAY SEPTEMBER 6-8. MEETING WITH THE PRESS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT, HE ANNOUNCED GOC-GOU AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT A WEST GERMAN ANTI-TERRORISM PROPOSAL TO BE MADE AT THE UNGA AND TO PROVIDE MUTUAL SUPPORT ON OTHER MEASURES OF INTEREST TO BOTH COUNTRIES. THIS WILL INCLUDE RESOLUTIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH ARE CONSIDERED BY THEM TO BE LACKING IN OBJECTIVITY. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL ALSO TRY TO OFFER AN EXAMPLED OTHER AMERICAN NATIONS BY THEIR COOPERATION IN LAFTA, THE OAS, AND THE UN.

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HE CALLED FOR A FASTER EVOLUTION OF LAFTA. THE

FONMIN RECEIVED VIP TREATMENT IN URUGUAY, MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, CINCS, AND OF COURSE, WITH FONMIN BLANCO. END SUMMARY.

2. CHILEAN FONMIN RADM PATRICIO CARVAJAL WOUND UP A 48 HOUR VISIT TO URUGUAY SEPTEMBER 8 BY ANNOUNCING TO THE PRESS THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF CHILE AND URUGUAY HAD AGREED TO SUPPORT A WEST GERMAN INITIATIVE ON TERRORISM IN THE UPCOMING UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE FONMIN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL SUPPORT EACH OTHER ON OTHER MATTERS WHICH MIGHT BE BROUGHT UP IN THE UNGA AND WHICH THEY CONSIDER TO BE LACKING IN OBJECTIVITY. HE WAS QUOTED IN EL PAIS AS STATING, "WE BOTH HAVE UNDERGONE ATTACKS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH TALK ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, AND WHICH USE PRESSURE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTIONS. WE EXCHANGED EXPERIENCES IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN OURSELVES IN THE FACE OF THIS LACK OF OBJECTIVITY." HE ADDED THAT ATTACKS BY COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WERE MOTIVATED BY THE FAILURE OF COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT IN CHILE AND WERE OF NO CONCERN, BUT CHILE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE "LACK OF OBJECTIVITY ... OF VARIOUS WESTERN DEMOCRACIES." HE REPORTEDLY SINGLED OUT FRANCE, NOTING THAT IT ALSO HAD SUFFERED VIOLENT POLITICAL CHANGE DURING ITS HISTORY.

3. CARVAJAL VISITED LAFTA, WHICH HAS ITS SEAT IN MONTEVIDEO. HE TOLD THE PRESS THAT LAFTA MUST MOVE FASTER, "ALTHOUGH I DO NOT SAY IT'S STAGNANT." HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE AND BLANCO AGREED THAT LAFTA REGULATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE CHANGED TO ALLOW BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT HAVE TO BE EXTENDED TO ALL MEMBERS. THIS STATEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN OCCASIONED BY URUGUAY'S RECENTLY HAVING OBTAINED LAFTA APPROVAL FOR SUCH A BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL (MONTEVIDEO A-007). CARVAJAL ALSO CALLED FOR AN EARLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, THE HIGHEST LAFTA AUTHORITY.

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4. COMMENT. WHILE WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONSULT FOREIGN MINISTRY AND OTHER SOURCES, WE BELIEVE COMMON SECURITY AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING TERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF UNFAVORABLE RESOLUTIONS IN THE UNGA WERE AMONG THE MORE IMPORTANT TOPICS DISCUSSED DURING THIS VISIT. WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS INTEND TO MAINTAIN CLOSE AND HIGH LEVEL

CONSULTATIONS ON A REGULAR BASIS. THIS VISIT FOLLOWS THE PINOCHET-BORDABERRY ENCOUNTER HELD HERE IN APRIL 1976. CARVAJAL RECEIVED VIP TREATMENT WHILE IN URUGUAY, MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MENDEZ FOR ABOUT HALF AN HOUR, WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, AND WITH THE CINCS. HE HELD TWO WORKING SESSIONS WITH BLANCO, ONE LASTING MORE THAN FIVE HOURS. CARVAJAL SAID THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH BLANCO AGAIN AT THE UNGA AND THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT PRESIDENTS PINOCHET AND MENDEZ WOULD MEET, BUT NO DATE WAS SET. SIRACUSA

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